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TO AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, UY

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF SURPLUS RAILROAD EQUIPMENT

1. DOD HAS ADVISED DEPARTMENT THAT IN COMPLIANCE MISSION'S REQUEST DOD HAS DELIVERED LETTER OF OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL RAILROAD EQUIPMENT VALUED CIRCA \$500,000 TO URUGUAYAN ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON.
 2. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF OUR CONCERN THAT PROBLEMS MAY ARISE IN TRANSPORTING THIS EQUIPMENT TO URUGUAY. ORIGINAL ORDER OF \$592,000 WILL INVOLVE SHIPPING A SUBSTANTIAL BULK A LONG DISTANCE. WE UNDERSTAND COST OF TRANSPORT IS BETWEEN \$1 AND \$2 MILLION. WE HAVE NO ESTIMATES AS TO ADDITIONAL WEIGHT OR PROBABLE FREIGHT COST OF LATEST ORDER.
 3. AS MEANS AVOIDING POSSIBLE FUTURE DIFFICULTIES, EMBASSY SHOULD OBTAIN APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES THAT GOU HAS ALLOCATED SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO COVER TRANSPORTATION COSTS.
 4. PROBLEM BECOMES POTENTIALLY URGENT AS WE UNDERSTAND EQUIPMENT MUST BE MOVED FROM PRESENT LOCATION BY JUNE 30,
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1974, AFTER WHICH DATE STORAGE CHARGES MAY ACCRUE.

DEPARTMENT HAS HEARD SOME EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN THAT GOU
MAY NOT BE FULLY AWARE OF EXTENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM
AND THAT POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS TO BILATERAL RELATIONS

COULD ENSUE.

5. WE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY COMMENT INDICATING
PROVISIONS GOU HAS MADE TO:

1) COVER SHIPMENT OF ROLLING STOCK ALREADY PURCHASED
BY JUNE 30, 1974;

2) PURCHASE AND SHIP ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT
AS CONTEMPLATED IN RECENT LETTER OF OFFER. RUSH

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